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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL: PALSETINIAN RIGHTS DEBATE

1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR LEONARD ON JUNE 2, SYRIAN PERM REP ALLAF RAISED QUESTION OF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. ALLAF OPENED DISCUSSION BY NOTING THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH LEONARD ON REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE (S/12090). THE REPORT MUST, HE SAID, BE PRESENTED AGAIN TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MONTH OR NEXT MONTH AND THEN OF COURSE WOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED BY THE 32ND GENERAL SSEMBLY.

2. ALLAF CONTINUED THAT HE HAD BEEN REFLECTING ON WAYS THAT THE REPORT WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN A MANNER THAT WOULD ALLOW THE US TO GO ALONG WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE DEBATE. HE SAID HE HAD NOT CONFERRED WITH OTHER ARAB PERM REPS ON THIS MATTER AND HE HOPED WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. LEONARD AGREED. ALLFA THEN SUGGESTED AND LATER REPEATED THAT THE SC MIGHT "TAKE NOTE" OF THE REPORT IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE US TO RESPOND WITH A "YES" OR "NO" VOTE. HE DID NOT WISH TO PUT THE US ON THE SPOT; BUT HOPED THERE COULD BE SOME FORMULA OF A POSITIVE CHARACTER WHICH
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COULD AVOID PRECIPITATING A "NO" VOTE FROM THE US.

3. ALLFA CONCLUDED BY INVITING LEONARD TO CONSIDER HIS SUGGESTION AND TO COME BACK WITH ANY IDEAS US MIGHT HAVE ON THIS. ALLAF ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE REPORT ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS BE KEPT BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. COMMENT: USUN WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO ALLAF'S SUGGESTION THAT SOME FORMULA BE DEvised WHICH WOULD NOT INVITE A NEGATIVE US VOTE. ALLAF IS OF COURSE AWARE THAT WE HAVE VOTED CONSISTENTLY AGAINST THE RESOLUTIONS IN THE COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEALING WITH THE COMMITTEE AND ITS REPORT. HIS SUGGESTION SEEMS POINTED IN THE DIRECTION OF A CONSENSUS STATEMENT FROM WHICH THE US WOULD NOT BE OBLIGED TO DISSENT. SHOULD THERE BE SOME POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT SUCH A FORMULA, THE COUNCIL'S JUNE PRESIDENCY (CANADA) WOULD BE FAR EASIER TO WORK WITH THAN THAT OF JULY (CHINA).
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